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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 67.8 degrees, 2.9 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, August 22. *Due to technical problems, precipitation data was unavailable for last week.* Growing degree days were 49 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, August 20. This is 0.7 days below last year but 0.1 days above the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	5.4	6.0	83.1
2003	6.1	4.5	73.4
1999-2003 Average	5.3	5.8	93.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	20	66	12
Last Week	2	16	76	6
Same Week Last Year	0	9	80	11
1999-2003 Average	16	24	54	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 22

Corn is approximately 82 percent in dough, eight days ahead of last year, and four days ahead of the five-year average. Corn is roughly 33 percent dented, 10 days ahead of 2003 and four days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. **Oats** harvested is 90 percent completed, compared to 93 percent

last year and 98 percent for the 1999-2003 average. Ninety-three percent of **Soybeans** are setting pods. This is six days ahead last year and two days ahead of the five-year average. **Potatoes** are at 40 percent harvested. This is eight days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Ohio **cucumber** growers have 52 percent of their crop harvested, which is about five days behind the previous year, and about nine days behind the 1999-2003 average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 95 percent complete, three days ahead of 2003, but five days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 43 percent complete, three days ahead of last year, but seven days behind the five-year average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is one percent complete, the same as last year but more than a week behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 80 percent complete, two days ahead of last year, but six days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of other hay is 23 percent complete, six days ahead of last year, but six days behind the five-year average. **Summer Apples** are currently 71 percent harvested. The **Peach** harvest is 78 percent completed. Vegetable growers have 10 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to five percent last year and 12 percent for the 1999-2003 average.

Thunderstorms struck across Ohio toward the end of last week bringing much needed rains. Temperatures remain on the cool side, often dipping in the 50's over night. Hay baling was the primary activity of the week throughout Ohio. Farmers continue preparing grain harvesting equipment, mowing wheat stubble, and combining oats. Vegetable producers harvested tomatoes, sweet corn, and peppers. Growers harvested corn silage, installed drainage tiles, and harvested potatoes. Many in the farming community attended their local county fairs, while others went to the National Tractor Pulling contest in Bowling Green Ohio.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Soybean condition was rated at 55 percent good to excellent, compared to 59 percent the previous week. Respondents have reported sudden death syndrome and other diseases affecting soybean fields. Corn was rated at 61 percent good to excellent condition, compared to 63 percent last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 22

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd cutting	95	91	98	93	NA
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting	43	36	60	34	NA
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	1	1	7	NA	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	71	87	81	63	NA
Corn in dough	82	67	75	76	57
Corn dented	33	10	26	17	23
Corn mature	2	NA	1	NA	NA
Cucumbers harvested	52	62	67	41	NA
Oats harvested	90	93	98	88	58
Other Hay 2 nd cutting	80	77	88	73	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	23	16	30	17	NA
Peaches harvested	78	74	76	69	NA
Potatoes harvested	40	32	35	35	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	10	5	12	97	NA
Soybeans setting pods	93	83	91	84	81

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	25	45	16
Previous Week	3	9	25	45	18
Previous Year	2	6	24	46	22
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	8	30	47	11
Previous Week	1	8	29	49	13
Previous Year	5	11	28	46	10
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	6	20	55	16
Previous Week	2	8	26	56	8
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	26	52	13
Previous Week	1	6	27	52	14
Previous Year	2	5	21	56	16
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	6	11	28	42	13
Previous Week	4	10	27	44	15
Previous Year	3	7	27	47	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY AUGUST 22

	Temperature		Precipitation ^{1/}				Growing Degree Days ^{2/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	65.2	-4.8	NA		NA		77	-62	2165	-104
North Central	66.2	-3.6	NA		NA		82	-56	2149	-72
Northeast	66.1	-2.4	NA		NA		82	-47	1991	-100
West Central	68.1	-2.9	NA		NA		91	-54	2314	-38
Central	68.9	-2.2	NA		NA		97	-49	2357	-18
Central Hills	67.0	-2.5	NA		NA		86	-50	2153	-51
Northeast Hills	66.8	-2.9	NA		NA		86	-51	2177	-56
Southwest	69.9	-2.5	NA		NA		100	-52	2475	-2
South Central	69.8	-2.6	NA		NA		133	-20	2579	-71
Southeast	68.8	-2.1	NA		NA		94	-50	2359	-3
STATE	67.8	-2.9	NA		NA		94	-49	2285	-35

1/ Precipitation data for last week and since April 1 was unavailable due to technical difficulties.

2/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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